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June 30, 2014

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: *JEF* Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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Cynthia A. Harding

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST-PROPOSITION 10 COMMISSION FOR THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on June 4, 2014, to accept and implement a forthcoming grant award from the Los Angeles County Children and Families First - Proposition 10 Commission (First 5 LA) to support the Department of Public Health (DPH) Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Program's Black Infant Health (BIH) Program, for the anticipated period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, at an amount estimated not to exceed \$1,021,000, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

Under this delegated authority, I will accept and execute First 5 LA Contract Number 07499 in the amount of \$1,020,073 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to support the BIH Program. This funding will allow the DPH BIH program to promote better health services for pregnant and parenting African-American women in Los Angeles County by assuring that at-risk pregnant and parenting women (ages 18 years and older) and their children (up to age one) have access to appropriate pediatric and preventive health care. The agreement provides for an additional term through August 31, 2015 to complete required reports; no expenditures above the total allocation will be accrued after the June 30, 2014 contract term.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Contract Number 07499 as to use and advised that I inform your Board that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated in this contract include provisions requiring the County to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless First 5 LA for all claims and losses related to this contract. These provisions also require that First 5 LA, in the event of such litigation related to indemnification, be given sole discretion to choose the legal counsel which the County will employ and compensate to handle that litigation. These are standard contract provisions of First 5 LA, and First 5 LA declined to waive or modify these provisions. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for these services and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors